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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231Amendment and Response to Election Requirement  
of November 14, 2002In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-27 and add new Claims 28-51 as follows:

28. (New) A method, comprising:

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providing an article of clothing for hanging on a mounted rod without the use of a hanger;  
wherein said clothing comprises a flap, said flap comprising a fastener for attaching said clothing to the mounted rod without removing the rod from its supports, said fastener comprising a ring, said ring comprising an opening, said opening comprising an open configuration and a closed configuration, wherein said ring can be inserted onto a rod when said opening is in said open configuration to hang said clothing from the rod.

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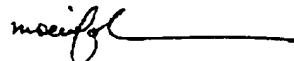
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Enclosed please find an Amendment and Response to the Office Action of 11-14-02, including an election of the inventions of Species II, without traverse, and a request for a two month extension of the time provided for response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 50-1604 for all fees that may be necessary in conjunction with the present application.

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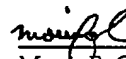
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